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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
United States Congressional Staff
August 4-12, 2018**

Itinerary

Saturday, August 4, 2018

4:55 PM	Depart DCA
6:20 PM	Arrive Newark
10:50 PM	Depart Newark

Sunday, August 5, 2018

4:20 PM	Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport Transfer to Jerusalem
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En route:

Shalom Jerusalem: Introduction to the History of the City

Shalom Jerusalem

During the hour-long bus ride from Ben Gurion airport to Jerusalem, the tour guide will provide a lay of the land, and an introduction to Jerusalem as the delegation ascends to Israel's capital, and largest city.

6:00 PM	Check into the Inbal Hotel
7:00 PM	Depart for dinner
7:15-8:00 PM	<i>Setting the Stage</i> Welcome and orientation - at Touro Restaurant
8:00-9:45 PM	<i>State of the Nation</i> Dinner with David Horovitz Founding Editor, <i>The Times of Israel</i> - at Touro Restaurant

State of the Nation

David Horovitz is the founding editor of *Times of Israel*, the leading current affairs website in Israel. Mr. Horovitz will provide staff with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

9:45 PM Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

Monday, August 6, 2018

7:45 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel, Galil hall

8:00-9:00 AM *Israel's Political Map*
Breakfast with Professor Reuven Hazan
Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University
-at the hotel

Israel's Political Map

It is critical for trip participants to understand the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Hazan explains how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, we believe it's important to provide this overview early in the seminar.

9:15 AM Depart

9:30 AM-12:15 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part I: The Old City and Holy Basin*

- City of David
- Southern Wall Excavations
- Western Wall
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Jerusalem

Throughout its 4,000-year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all recent Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, from the Oslo Accords to the Camp David Summit to the Taba negotiations, and in the most recent talks under the auspices of the U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question,

namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

The professionally guided survey will walk through these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

The City of David

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has consumed an enormous amount of time and manpower of members of consecutive American Administrations as well as members of Congress. One of the most intractable issues in the conflict has been the question of the future of Jerusalem. Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of this conflict.

The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sides in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years.

At the same time, much of the site is in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan. The residents of Silwan, and the Palestinian Authority leadership are opposed to the archeological efforts being carried out in the City of David. In several instances, homes in Silwan were purchased and then destroyed to open more areas for excavations. Additionally, Palestinian leadership has denied in their official statements the existence of any Jewish connection to Jerusalem.

12:30-1:30 PM *Israel-Palestinian Authority Relations in the Trump Era*
Lunch with Ambassador Daniel Taub
-at Anna

Israeli-Palestinian Authority Relations in the Trump Era

Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Most recently, in July 2013, Secretary of State John Kerry helped initiate a round of direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. The peace talks conclusively dissolved when the Palestinian political party Fatah signed a unity deal with the terrorist group Hamas.

During this session, Ambassador Taub will address the prospects for peace in the current political climate. He will also discuss the complex challenges that have prevented a final status agreement thus far.

1:45 PM Depart

2:15-3:15 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II:
Post-1967 Neighborhoods & the Security Barrier*

Post-1967 Neighborhoods

When Jerusalem was reunified in 1967, following 19 years of division, the State of Israel extended the city's boundaries to include the strategic hills surrounding Jerusalem. These hills served as launching pads between 1948 and 1967 for sniper and mortar attacks on Israeli parts of the city by the Jordanian Army. Since 1967, these hills have become vibrant neighborhoods, fully integrated into the fabric of Jerusalem. It is vital for those discussing the issue of Jerusalem to understand these neighborhoods' strategic importance and their relationship to the areas in the immediate vicinity.

Security Barrier

After scores of suicide bombings and daily terrorist attacks against its civilians launched following the breakdown of the Camp David II talks, Israel began construction of a security barrier near the pre-1967 "Green Line" between Israel and the West Bank to prevent Palestinian terrorists from infiltrating into Israeli population centers. Since its construction began, the number of attacks declined by more than 90% and the number of Israelis murdered and wounded decreased by more than 70% and 85%, respectively. The barrier is approximately 455 miles long. To Israel, the security barrier serves as a necessary obstacle to protect its people. To the Palestinians and others in the world, the barrier represents a physical and symbolic divide.

This seminar will survey the security barrier at different points along its route to see first-hand the barrier's construction, the operation of crossing points in and out of Palestinian areas, and the technology that facilitates its operation. Both en route to the barrier and at the barrier itself, the group will explore the competing arguments raised by the Israelis, Palestinians and the international community.

3:15 PM Depart for the Knesset

3:30 PM Security check

3:45-4:45 PM

Israeli Democracy in Action

Meetings with Members of Knesset (MKs)

- MK Amir Ohana from the Likud Party – the Coalition
 - MK Pnina Tamano-Shata from the Zionist Union Party – the Opposition
- at the Knesset

A View from the Coalition

The Honorable Amir Ohana is a member of Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu's Likud party, and the right-wing coalition that currently controls the Knesset. He will provide participants the perspective of the ruling coalition as well as his own party. He is the first openly gay man to serve in the Likud party, and the first openly gay, right-wing member to serve in the Knesset.

A View from the Opposition

The Honorable Pnina Tamano-Shata is a member of the Yesh Atid party, a member party of the opposition. She will provide the perspective from her own party, as well as the opposition as a whole. She is the first Ethiopian-born woman to serve in the Israeli Knesset.

4:45 PM

Depart for hotel

7:15 PM

Depart for dinner

7:30-9:30 PM

Peer to Peer: Israeli Member of Knesset Staffers

- Idit Druyun, Advisor to MK Eli Ben-Dahan, Jewish Home Party
 - Shaked Hasson, Advisor to MK Meirav Michaeli, Labor Party
 - Hila Netaneli, Advisor to MK Michael Oren, Dep Director of Public Diplomacy, Kulanu Party
 - Yair Zivan, Advisor to MK Yair Lapid, Head of Yesh Atid Party
- at La Guta Restaurant

Peer to Peer: Israeli Member of Knesset Staffers

During this dinner the participants will have the opportunity to hear from their counterparts in Israel – staffers serving four different members of the Israeli Knesset. The discussion will explore the difference between the American and Israeli political systems; the role of political staffers; and the views of the various Knesset members they serve on current issues affecting the region.

9:30 PM

Overnight at the Inbal Hotel

PLEASE PREPARE FOR NEXT MORNING'S DEPARTURE

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

- 7:00-8:15 AM Check out
Luggage in the lobby
Breakfast on own in the main dining room
- 8:30 AM Depart for Yad Vashem
- 9:00-11:00 AM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Guided visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction considering the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

- 11:15 AM Depart
- 11:45 AM-12:45 PM *A View from the Palestinian Authority*
Lunch with Nidal Foqaha
Director General, Palestinian Peace Coalition/Geneva Initiative,
Palestinian Authority
- at the American Colony Hotel, Pasha hall

A View from the Palestinian Authority

During this session, the delegation will have the opportunity to speak with a representative from the P.L.O., and hear the perspective of the Palestinian community.

1:00-2:00 PM *A View from East Jerusalem*
Coffee with Rami Nazzal
Journalist, Time Magazine

A View from East Jerusalem

Rami Nafez Nazzal is a Palestinian journalist, who carries a U.S. Passport, and is a resident of East Jerusalem. Nazzal attended the Anglican International School in West Jerusalem, and later graduated University of Utah in 2003, with a degree in Business Management and Tourism. He lived in Boston for seven years before returning to his childhood home in Jerusalem, and has worked for TIME Magazine since 2010.

With extensive journalistic experience for outlets like The New York Times, TIME, Reuters and Der Spiegel, Nazzal will share with participants the reality of life in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. His knowledge and exposure will allow the group to discover the reality of Palestinian society and gain a raw and authentic lens of the difficult political and emotional terrain between Israelis and Palestinians.

2:15 PM Depart

2:45-3:45 PM *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*
David Keyes, International Media Advisor,
Office of the Prime Minister
- at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Kerem Carmit hall

A View from the Prime Minister's Office

During this session, the delegation will have the opportunity to speak with a representative from the office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and hear the coalition's perspective on issues facing Israel and the region.

3:45 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

5:00 PM Check into the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

7:30 PM Depart for Dinner

7:45-9:45 PM *The Israeli Mosaic*
Dinner with:
▪ Miriam Ballin, United Hatzalah
▪ Dan Slijper, LGBT Caucus, Yesh Atid Party
▪ Sivan Yaari, Innovation Africa
▪ Galit Sasson, Mekorot Water Company
- at Lumina

The Israeli Mosaic

"The Israeli Mosaic" will be a dinner discussion with Israelis representing some of the various societal sectors – all integral parts of the fabric of Israeli society and broader identity. The evening will be an opportunity to gain insight into the Israeli population as a whole, what governs the perspective and decisions of various sectors and to explore how each of the sectors represented fits into Israeli society and informs the collective national narrative.

10:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

7:45 AM Breakfast served
- at the hotel, private room

8:00-9:00 AM *Minority Rights in Israel*
Breakfast with Mohammad Darawshe
Director of Planning Equality & Shared Society,
Givat Haviva Educational Center
- at the hotel, Topaz hall

Minority Rights in Israel

As of the 2015 census, approximately 21% of Israeli residents are part of the non-Jewish minority, which includes, among others, Muslims, Christians, and Druze. As a liberal, democratic state, Israel is rooted in liberty, the rule of law, free and fair elections, and full civil rights for all citizens. Currently 14 Israeli Arabs and 2 Druze serve in the 120-member Israeli Knesset. Our speaker, Mohammad Darawshe is currently the director of planning, equality and shared living at Givat Haviva Educational Institute –a non-profit organization founded in 1949 as the national education center of the Kibbutz Federation in Israel. His focus throughout his career is promoting coexistence and quality among Israel's Jewish and Arab-Palestinians citizens. He will discuss the current challenges facing minority groups in Israel, as well as ways the government of Israel and NGOs seek to address these challenges.

9:15 AM Depart for Israel's South

10:30-11:15 AM *The Violence at the Gaza-Israel Border*
Security briefing by Lt. Col. (Res.) Ilan Eizekson
-at the City of Ashkelon Situation Room

11:15 AM-12:00 PM *Living in the Shadow of Rockets*
Briefing by the City of Ashkelon Chief Security officer
-at the City of Ashkelon Situation Room

12:00 PM Depart

12:15-1:15 PM *Life on the Border with Gaza*
Lunch with Chen Kotler-Abrahams, kibbutz Kfar Aza resident
- at Space, Moshav Emunim

Israel's Southern Front (programming from 10:30 AM – 1:15 PM)

Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. At Kibbutz Nir Am, participants will be able to see the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, to better comprehend the landscape of the region, as well as the unique challenges faced by this area. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Azza and meeting with a local resident will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

1:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

3:00-3:30 PM *360° Bird's Eye View of Israel*
Briefing at the Azrieli Center Helipad

Azrieli Center Rooftop

From the rooftop of the Azrieli center, participants will be standing at the highest observatory in the Middle East. The panoramic view stretches from Ashkelon in the south to Hadera in the north. On a clear day one sees almost 70 percent of the country, as far as Jerusalem to the East. The importance of this visit is to provide participants a geostrategic viewpoint from which to understand the narrow waistline of Israel, which at its narrowest spans 9 miles from the Mediterranean to the West Bank. Additionally, the area visible from this vantage point – referred to as the Gedera-Hadera corridor – comprises a small rectangle of land that can be covered lengthwise in under an hour. This section of Israel includes over 50% of Israel's population, economic infrastructure, as well as its only International Airport.

3:45-4:45 PM *Regional Strategic Briefing: Syria and Iraq*
Meeting with Dr. Jonathan Spyer
Freelance correspondent, security analyst for IHS Janes
- at the 38th floor

Dr. Jonathan Spyer

Sr. Spyer is a freelance correspondent and security analyst. His reporting on the war in Syria and Iraq has been published in a number of major news outlets, including the Wall Street Journal,